

# **The Baltimore Sun**

## **Port of Baltimore sets container, auto and wood pulp records for 2013**

By Kevin Rector, The Baltimore Sun 5:35 p.m. EDT, April 8, 2014

The port of Baltimore handled more automobiles, cargo containers and wood pulp in 2013 than ever before, a record-setting performance despite continuing labor unrest on its public docks.

Solidifying its place as the nation's No. 1 port for automobile imports and exports, the Maryland Port Administration said Tuesday that it handled 749,100 cars and trucks in 2013, up from 652,000 in 2012. The increase was due in part to newly inked contracts with auto manufacturers, including a five-year deal with Mazda announced in August.

In all, the port's public marine terminals handled 9.6 million tons of cargo in 2013, matching 2012's record, but container cargo grew 1 percent to 6.4 million tons from 6.3 million tons in 2012. Wood pulp cargo increased 23 percent to 591,570 tons and also set a record. The previous record was set in 2011, with 515,433 tons.

Maryland port officials have targeted all three commodities as areas of growth for the port.

Gov. Martin O'Malley, in a statement, credited the success to "shrewd infrastructure investments, unique job-creating public-private partnerships, and long-term contracts with major international shipping companies."

The port of Baltimore signed a 50-year, \$1.3 billion public-private partnership with Ports America Chesapeake in 2009 that allowed it to invest in major new infrastructure — including cranes to work the latest generation of massive container ships — and begin courting more international clientele.

Including Baltimore's private terminals, the port moved 30.3 million tons of international cargo across its docks in 2013, valued at more than \$52 billion.

Baltimore ranks first among U.S. ports for handling automobiles, farm and construction machinery and imported forest products, sugar, aluminum and gypsum, and second for exported coal.

The port employs more than 14,600 people and is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salaries, and more than \$300 million in annual state and local taxes, the MPA said.

Last year's success came despite a three-day work stoppage in October and labor unrest ever since, which has caused some companies to divert business elsewhere.

## **The Daily Record**

### **Port of Baltimore sets three records in 2013**

By: Lizzy McLellan Daily Record Business Writer April 8, 2014

The Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals had a record year in 2013 for handling automobiles, containers and wood pulp, the Maryland Port Administration announced Tuesday.

Baltimore also ranked as the top port in the U.S. for a number of commodities — automobiles, farm and construction machinery, and imported forest products, sugar, aluminum and gypsum.

The port's previous record for cars handled was set in 2012, at 652,000. In 2013, the port handled 749,100 cars.

It handled 591,570 tons of wood pulp in 2013, which is used to make napkins, tissues and paper towels, beating a 2011 record.

Overall, Baltimore ranked ninth in the U.S. for the total dollar value of cargo and 14th for cargo tonnage.

Business at the port directly accounts for more than 14,000 jobs, officials said.

## **Baltimore Fox45**

### **Port of Baltimore Sets Records in 2013**

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The Port of Baltimore set records for handling some commodities in 2013. A port spokesman said in a news release on Tuesday that general cargo at the public marine terminals reached 9.6 million tons, the same as last year. The port handled 749,100 cars, the most in the country and 16 percent over last year's figure. It also handled 6.4 million tons of containers, up one percent from 2012, and 591,570 tons of wood pulp, which is used to produce napkins, tissues and paper towels.

## **Cargo Business News**

### **Port of Baltimore handles record autos, containers in 2013**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

The Maryland Port Administration announced that the Port of Baltimore broke several of its records for handling cargo in 2013.

The Baltimore port said it handled record numbers of autos, containers, and wood pulp, with a total annual cargo volume of 9.6 million tons at its public terminals, matching last year's record. Adding cargo processed at private marine terminals, the port said its total for 2013 was 30.3 million tons of cargo, worth approximately \$52.6 billion.

"The Port of Baltimore continues to prove that it is one of the most productive seaports in the U.S.," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "The port has successfully withstood a challenging economy and has outperformed many other major U.S. ports thanks to shrewd infrastructure investments, unique job-creating public-private partnerships, and long-term contracts with major international shipping companies.

"With a newly operational 50-foot deep container berth and four supersized cranes, the future of the Port of Baltimore has never looked brighter for the more than 14,600 men and women who work at the Port to support their families."

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Containerized cargo came in at 6.4 million tons overall, 1 percent higher than 2012 totals.

## **Capital Gazette**

### **Port of Baltimore sets records in 2013**

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## **Trucking Info**

### **Port of Baltimore Handled Record Amount of Containers, Autos in 2013**

April 10, 2014

Last year was a record year at the Port of Baltimore when it came to the handling of containers, autos and wood pulp, according to Maryland Port Administration.

The total amount of general cargo at the port's public marine terminals reached 9.6 million tons, matching last year's record. Combining the private marine terminals, the port saw 30.3 million tons of international cargo cross its docks last year, valued at approximately \$52.6 billion.

Last year public terminals at the port handled 6.4 million tons of containers, an increase of 1% from 2012, while public and private terminals there handled 749,100 autos, up 16% from 2012 and the highest among all U.S. ports. Wood pulp, used to produce napkins, tissues and paper towels; handled by the terminal, increased 23% from 2012, hitting 591,570 tons and beating the previous record of 515,433 tons set in 2011,

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among all U.S. ports for handling autos and light trucks, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported aluminum and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of cargo and 14th for cargo tonnage for all U.S. ports.

## **American Shipper**

### **Baltimore sets cargo records in 2013**

Wednesday, April 09, 2014  
By Chris Dupin

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The port said that in 2013, it handled:

- 749,100 cars, 16 percent more than in 2012, the highest number among all U.S. ports, it said.
- 6.4 million tons of containers, 1 percent more than the prior year.
- 591,570 tons of wood pulp, 23 percent more than in 2012, and eclipsing a record 515,433 tons in 2011.